

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

March 6th, 2016

“I the Lord do keep it; I will
water it every moment: lest
any hurt it, I will keep it
night and day.”

ISAIAH 27:3

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery Schedule

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Today we will have a fellowship luncheon together immediately following the Sunday Worship service.

“There is no good news for sinful men a part from Jesus Christ and him crucified (1 CORINTHIANS 2:2.)” — **TOMMY ROBBINS**

CHRIST KEEPS US NIGHT AND DAY!

Beloved, have you ever found yourself awaken during the night? I came across this precious verse in God's only holy book, the Bible, what comfort it affords God's people, speaking of the care of our Lord for His people it declares *“I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.”* Beloved HE keeps us night and day! Amen. (ISAIAH 27:3, 1 PETER 5:7.)

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DO... OR DONE “IT IS FINISHED.” (JOHN 19:30.)

“There is a wide difference between your religion and mine,” said a Christian lady to one in whose spiritual condition she had long been interested. *“Indeed,”* said he, *“how is that?”* *“Your religion,”* she replied, *“has only two letters in it, and mine has four.”*

It seems that this gentleman was one of that numerous class seeking to get to heaven by their doings, by attention to

ordinances and ceremonies, by what the apostle, in the ninth of Hebrews, terms *“dead works.”* But he did not understand about the *“two letters”* or the *“four”*. His friend had often spoken to him, and on the occasion to which our anecdote refers she had called to take her leave of him for some time, as she was about to go from home.

“What do you mean,” said he, *“by two letters and four?”* *“Why, your religion,”* said the lady, *“is D-O DO; whereas mine is D-O-N-E, DONE.”* This was all that passed. The lady took her leave; but her words remained and did their work in the soul of her friend—a revolutionary work, verily. The entire current of his thoughts was changed. DO is one thing; DONE is quite another. The former is legalism; the latter is Christianity. It was a novel and very original mode of putting the gospel; but it was just the mode for a legalist, and the Spirit of God used it in the conversion of this gentleman. When he next met his friend, he said to her, *“Well, I can now say with you that my religion is D-O-N-E, DONE.”* He had learned to fling aside the deadly doings, and rest in the finished work of Christ. He was led to see that it was no longer what he could do for God, but what God had done for him.

This settled everything. The four golden letters shone under the gaze of his emancipated soul, *“D-O-N-E.”* Precious letters! Precious word! Who can tell the relief to a burdened heart when it discovers that all is done? What joy to know that what I have been toiling for, it may be many a long year, was all done over 2000 years ago, on the cross! Christ has done all. He has put away sin; magnified the claims of divine justice; vanquished Satan; taken the sting from death and the victory from the grave; glorified God in the very scene in which He had been dishonored; brought in everlasting righteousness. All this wrapped up in these four golden letters, *“D-O-N-E.”* Oh, who would not give up the two for the four? Who would not exchange *“DO”* for *“DONE”*?

Reader, what say you to this? What of your religion? Does it consist of two letters or four? Is it still *“DO”* with you? or have you found your happy portion and rest in *“DONE”*? Do you think of it, dear friend—think deeply—think seriously—and may God’s Spirit lead you, this moment, to cease from your own *“DO,”* and to rest in Christ’s eternal *“DONE!”*

C. H. MACINTOSH

JESUS SAID—“IT IS FINISHED.” (JOHN 19:30.)

“TO HIM THAT WORKETH NOT, BUT BELIEVETH ON HIM THAT JUSTIFIETH THE UNGODLY, HIS FAITH IS COUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” (ROMANS 4:5.)

“FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD:—NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST.” (EPHESIANS 2:8, 9.)

“NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH WE HAVE DONE BUT ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY HE SAVED US.” (TITUS 3:5.)

WHAT DOES YOUR CHURCH BELIEVE?

While I understand what people mean when they ask the question ‘*What does your church believe?*’, I believe it is far more helpful to sinners and ultimately to God’s people, to ask the question in ‘*whom have you believed?*’ (2 TIMOTHY 1:12.)

The gospel that God’s people rejoice in is not found in an ‘ism’, it is found in a ‘whom’. The Apostle Paul and all who believe on Jesus Christ rejoice in Him, knowing that He is mighty to save. God’s people don’t rejoice in mere theological truths, or in a denominational distinctive, we rejoice in a person, Christ Jesus the Lord. God’s word declares “*he will save*” for “*he shall save His people from their sins!*” (ZEPHANIAH 3:17, MATTHEW 1:21.)

Sadly, today there are many who say they believe in Jesus Christ, but who have not as yet, by God’s grace, been made to actually believe Him and what He teaches sinners. (2 JOHN 1:9.)

The importance of Christ’s doctrine can not be emphasized enough; for those who depart from His teaching ‘***hath not God***’. It is so vitally important to you that you continue with those who follow Christ and abideth in His doctrine. I trust that as you read this you were comforted by Him who “***shall save***”, and led to continue with those, that the Holy Ghost tells us by His servant John; “*hath both the Father and the Son*” our dear Lord and God Jesus Christ. (2 JOHN 1:9.)

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